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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: MAC USE OF ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT/BELGIAN ITINERARY

REF: (A) MONROVIA 3644; (B) MONROVIA 3635

1. APPRECIATE PROBLEM YOU HAVE IN COPING WITH POSSIBLE
LOCAL PRESS INQUIRIES, PARTICULARLY GIVEN GRAHAM-
HOAGLAND STOPOVER.

2. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT NO RPT NO OFFICIAL USG
STATEMENT WILL BE MADE UNTIL AFTER DEPLOYMENT OF BELGIANS
IN KOLWEZI AREA, AND TIMING OF RELEASE WILL BE COORDINATED
WITH BELGIANS AND FRENCH. IF PRESSED, YOU SHOULD MAKE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE WE DO NOT
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COMMENT ON CONTINGENCY AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS WHICH ARE
RELATED TO THE SAFETY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS." WE WILL
PROVIDE YOU WITH TEXT OF ANY FULLER STATEMENT, AND
ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE, AS SOON AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.
IN MEANTIME, HOPE FOREGOING WILL SUFFICE TO HOLD THE LINE.

3. RE REF B, WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATIONS THAT BELGIAN

AIRCRAFT HAVE ANY PLANS TO UTILIZE ROBERTS FIELD.
REQUEST BRUSSELS ADVISE OF ANY INDICATION TO
CONTRARY. VANCE

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